

ABSTRACT

Image forming device consumable monitoring methods, consumable monitoring systems and image forming devices are described. According to one aspect, an image forming device consumable monitoring method includes storing information regarding a plurality of consumables usable by an image forming device to form hard images, wherein the stored information for an individual one of the consumables includes a stored consumable identifier which identifies the respective consumable and a stored party identifier utilized to identify a proper party of the respective consumable; receiving information regarding a consumable to be verified including a received consumable identifier which identifies the consumable to be verified and a received party identifier utilized to identify the proper party associated with the consumable to be verified; comparing the received consumable identifier with at least one of the stored consumable identifiers; and comparing the received party identifier with at least one of the stored party identifiers.